

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A method of inhibiting a body weight gain in a mammal comprising administering a composition consisting of an effective amount of 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, a prodrug thereof or a salt thereof, an effective amount of a PPAR $\gamma$  agonist-like substance, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in combination to the mammal.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the PPAR $\gamma$  agonist-like substance is pioglitazone.